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SUBJECT: LOOSENING OF ITALIAN IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS AND AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEWED THIS MORNING DR. FRANCO BERETTI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ITALIAN MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE, IN CONNECTION WITH ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER COLOMBO AT RECENT MEETING IMF THAT PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSIT WOULD BE REPEALED IN BEGINNING OF 1975.

2. DR. BERETTI SAID THAT MINISTRY IS DRAFTING LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BE ENACTED WITHIN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO EXEMPT FROM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT CERTAIN RAW MATERIALS INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL FIBERS, ARTIFICIAL WOOD, RAW SILK AND FROZEN HORSE MEAT. BERETTI ALSO INFORMED US THAT EXEMPTION WILL BE EXPANDED GRADUALLY AND THAT PRACTICALLY ALL RAW MATERIALS, INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS AND CAPITAL GOODS WILL HAVE BEEN LIBERALIZED BY MARCH 31, 1975.

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3. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF CONTINUING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES

BERETTI BELIEVES THAT ITALY MAY HAVE VALID REASON TO MAINTAIN, WITH EEC APPROVAL, DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT FOR SOME TIME BEYOND MARCH 31, 1975 ON MOST CONSUMERS' ITEMS INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, COSMETICS AND, PERHAPS, ALSO PASSENGER CARS.

4. BERETTI HOPEFUL HE MAY SUCCEED IN HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO EXEMPT FROM IMPORT DEPOSIT GOODS INTENDED FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES ORDERED PRIOR TO PUBLICATION MINISTERIAL DECREE OF MAY 2, 1974 WHICH ESTABLISHED DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT.

5. HE STRESSED THAT MARCH 31 DATE FOR PHASE OUT WAS AGREED UPON IN CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN IMF AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. DR. BERETTI ASKED THAT EMBASSY AND AMERICAN CHAMBER MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY THIS INFORMATION. BEAUDRY

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